

## Field Day '98 Special Souvenir Edition



"Come on down!" say JR Osborne, KB9HSE and Brian Murrey, KB9BVN

After much waiting, and eager anticipation, Field Day has finally arrived! Amateurs across the country prepare for the annual rite of summer that comes on the last full weekend in June.

Members of MARC are no exception. Field Day preparations have been the topic of numerous discussions on the air. JR Osborne, KB9HSE, has spent countless hours checking; double-checking and even TRIPLE-checking to make sure the details are covered.

Even with his superhuman powers and attention to detail, JR will need additional assistance from the mere mortals that make up the rest of the club.

The June meeting will once again follow tradition by going over the needs and making sure things are covered.

The MARC Field Day event will be at a **NEW LOCATION** this year. This year the event will be taking place at the Prince's Lakes Town Hall. JR reports this location has plenty of space, a kitchen, "flushies" and nearly 9 acres of room to set up a camper or tent if you wish. Be sure to check out the map on page 3 of this Special Souvenir Edition of the MARC Spark-Gap

This year JR has several surprises and additions compared to past years. For example, there will be a "bonus" VE testing session at the Field Day site from 2PM to 4PM. Be sure to tell your friends that are curious about the hobby that they're welcome to come and even try their hand at radio.

There will be plenty of things to do in preparation for the big day, and plenty of volunteers are needed. Please be sure to mark June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendar! 73

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**Membership Information**

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club is a Franklin, IN based organization open to all amateur radio operators in central Indiana.

The MARC meets the third Saturday of each month in the training room of the Johnson County Emergency Operations Center located at 1100 Hospital Road in Franklin, IN.

The MARC operates a 2-meter repeater at 146.835 MHz. Each club member has free access to the repeater and autopatch.

Annual dues are \$18 per year. VE testing follows each meeting from March through November.

Stories can be submitted to the interim editor via email at the email address listed above by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month.

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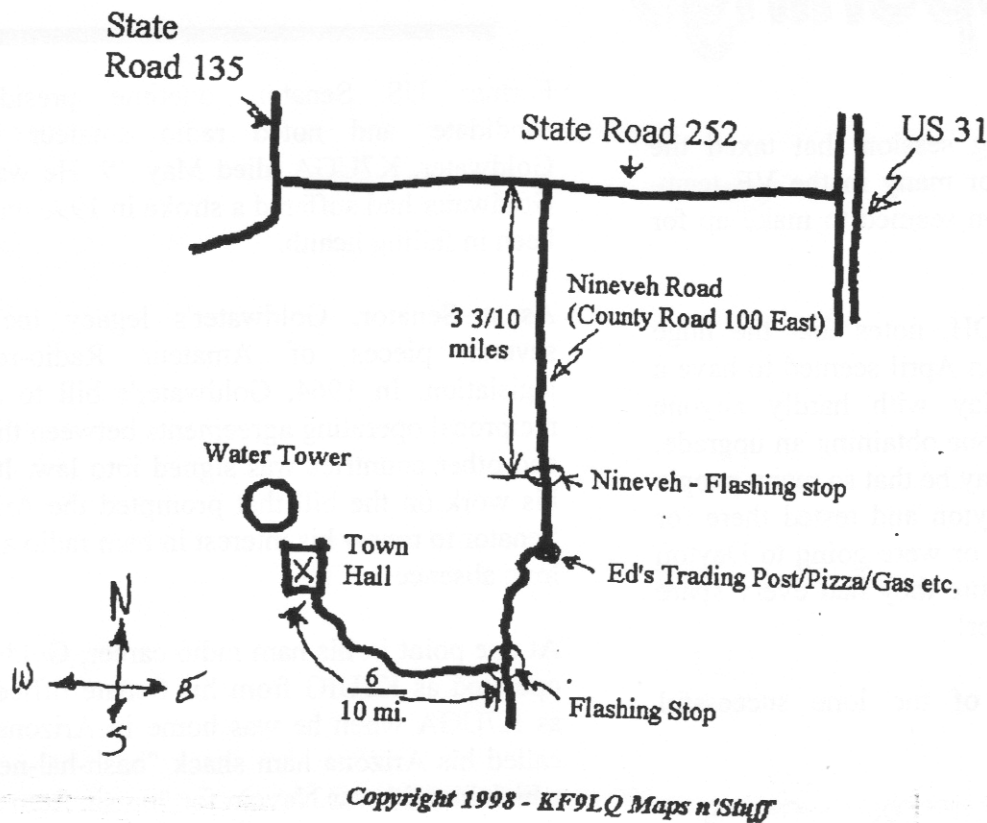
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Vacant, won't you consider volunteering?

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# Map to Field Day '98 Activities



Field Day 98 is being held at a different location than in the past few years. Above, is a map showing directions to this year's site. Below, are directions for those that don't like maps.

## Directions to Field Day '98 for the "Map Impaired"

- Go **WEST** on 252 from US 31, or go **EAST** from State Road 135 to Nineveh Road. Nineveh Road is County Road 100 East.
- Go South on Nineveh Road. The road is hilly and there are some blind spots, be careful!
- Continue straight through the Flashing Stop at Nineveh. You will see "Ed's Trading Post" on your right. The road will curve around to the right at "Ed's".
- Follow the road until you come to a second flashing stop. Turn right at this flashing stop.
- Follow road 6/10<sup>th</sup> mile. Look for the Water Tower. Town Hall and Water Tower are on same property.
- If all else fails, Talk-in will be available on the 146.835 repeater.

# VE Happenings

After an April testing session that taxed the limits of endurance for many in the VE team, the May testing session seemed to make up for all the excitement.

Dave Wendt, KA9OOH, notes that the huge number of test takers in April seemed to have a rebound effect in May with hardly anyone taking tests, and only one obtaining an upgrade. One possible reason may be that so many people had either been to Dayton and tested there (or didn't have \$6.35 left) or were going to Dayton and wanted to make sure they had every spare penny they could muster!

Below is the name of the lone successful candidate:

Richard Long      KB9SQX      General

## Congratulations to Richard!

By the way, don't forget that in addition to VE testing after the meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special "bonus" session at the MARC Field Day location at Prince's Lakes Town Hall from 2Pm to 4PM.

Due to Dave Wendt being out of town for the 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, Joe Rogers, KF9LQ, will be the contact VE at these sessions.

If you are an ARRL certified VE and would be interested in possibly helping at the session on the 27th, please contact Joe at 738-2497. Since this is something they're trying, there is no past experience to go with.

If you, or someone you know is interested in taking an exam, please let them know about this extra opportunity. Walk-ins are welcome and the testing fee for 1998 is \$6.35. Pass the word

around and help the VE team make this experiment a big success! 73

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Former US Senator, onetime presidential candidate, and noted radio amateur Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, died May 29. He was 89. Goldwater had suffered a stroke in 1996 and had been in failing health.

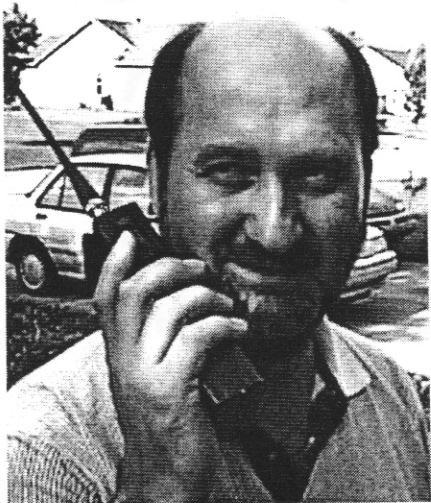
As a Senator, Goldwater's legacy included several pieces of Amateur Radio-related legislation. In 1964, Goldwater's bill to allow reciprocal operating agreements between the US and other countries was signed into law. It was his work on the bill that prompted the Arizona Senator to renew his interest in ham radio after a long absence.

At one point in his ham radio career, Goldwater operated as K3UIG from his Senate office and as K7UGA when he was home in Arizona. He called his Arizona ham shack "bash-hal-ne-ae," which he said was Navajo for "music from iron" or "metal that talks."

Goldwater was a life member of the ARRL. He was elected president of the Quarter Century Wireless Association in 1971. A pilot during World War II, he held the rank of General in the Air Force Reserve and was an active member of Air Force MARS. During the Vietnam War era, Goldwater handled hundreds of thousands of phone patches. He also held a pilot's license and occasionally operated aeronautical mobile.

In 1983, Amateur Radio paid homage to Goldwater as "its governmental protector and advocate" by establishing the \$5000 ARRL Scholarship to Honor Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. In announcing the scholarship, then-ARRL Washington Area Coordinator Perry Williams, W1UED, said that Goldwater's Amateur Radio involvement had "brought joy to thousands of members of the armed services stationed overseas, and through his professional career, he has exemplified the principles of commitment and service to one's country and fellow citizens."

# Member Profile



(Editors note: Member profile is a section aimed at highlighting and introducing club members to the membership at large. Each profiled member is nominated by the honoree from the previous month.

## == Hershel Saylor ==

For the month of June, our profiled member is Hershel Saylor – WD9GMM. Hershel has been a member of MARC for the past 2-3 years.

Originally licensed in the early 1970's, Hershel has been active in many aspects of amateur radio. He originally acquired his license in hopes of it leading to advancement in his career. He also found the phone patch to be an excellent way to impress friends, since car phones at the time were huge, expensive and exclusively used by business. There weren't any cellular phones then. Though Hershel isn't very often heard on the air, preferring to "lurk", he's a pretty active background operator!

Hershel recently contacted a local Johnson County newspaper to rebut an article that he felt

had downplayed the services performed by local radio amateurs during a recent storm. He was so convincing, the newspaper followed up with him and wound up doing a feature story on Amateur Radio featuring several MARC members.

Hershel is active with several aspects of the hobby. One angle that he particularly enjoys is working with WindTrax and their balloon launches throughout the state.

Hershel is also the webmaster for the MARC website (located at [www.surf-ici.com/marc](http://www.surf-ici.com/marc)) and he is always looking for contributions to keep the page current and fresh. He will be taking over the editing of the Spark Gap now that the editor has finished school and moved to Pennsylvania to be with her husband.

Hershel's wife is currently recovering from recent shoulder surgery and he is working on convincing her to study for her ticket while she recuperates!

Hershel is a regular at club functions such as meetings and Field Day.

Hershel's other hobbies include surfing garage sales, computers, photography and surplus electronics equipment. In addition to his wife, Hershel has begun encouraging his 9 year-old daughter to study for her license, to make radio a family hobby.

Next time you see Hershel at a meeting (or maybe even hear him on the air), be sure to give him a hearty pat on the back and ask him to show you his latest garage sale jewel.<sup>73</sup>

